

Updated October 26, 2017	2017 COMMERCIAL POSSESSION LIMITS FOR COMMONLY HARVESTED SPECIES (pounds/vessel)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>BLACK SEA BASS</b>	750/wk (1/1)* 500/wk (1/22)	500/wk	500/wk	500/wk 600/wk (4/2) 700/wk (4/16)	50/day (5/1)* (closed Fridays)	50/day CLOSED (6/10) 50/day (6/28) (closed Fridays)	50/day (7/1)* (closed Fridays) CLOSED (7/20)	CLOSED (8/1)*	CLOSED 50/day (9/15)* (closed Fridays)	50/day (closed Fridays) <b>CLOSED (10/18)</b>	100/day (11/1)* 50/day (11/1)	
<b>BLUEFISH</b>	500/wk (1/1)*	500/wk	500/wk 250/wk (3/5) 500/wk (3/26)	500/wk 750/wk (4/16)	6,000/wk (5/1)* 10,000/wk (5/28)	10,000/wk	10,000/wk 15,000/wk (7/30)	15,000/wk	15,000/wk	<b>15,000/wk</b>		
<b>MENHADEN</b> In the Menhaden Management Area	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 120,000/day (5/21)	120,000/day	120,000/day CLOSED (7/13)	CLOSED (7/13) 120,000/day (8/10)	120,000/day (8/10) CLOSED (9/8) [25,000/day for designated fall season area (9/1)* CLOSED (9/1)**]	<b>CLOSED</b>		
<b>MENHADEN</b> In State Waters outside the Menhaden Management Area	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited CLOSED (5/14) 120,000/day (5/21)	120,000/day	120,000/day CLOSED (7/6)	CLOSED	CLOSED	<b>CLOSED</b>		
<b>SCUP</b> General Category	50,000/day (1/1)*	50,000/day	50,000/day	50,000/day	10,000/wk (5/1)*	10,000/wk	10,000/wk	10,000/wk	10,000/wk (9/17)* 7,500/wk (9/17)	7,500/wk <b>6,000/wk (10/8)</b>	2,000/day (11/1)* 18,000/day (11/1)	
<b>SCUP</b> Floating Fish Traps	50,000/day (1/1)*	50,000/day	50,000/day	50,000/day	Unlimited (5/1)*	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	<b>Unlimited</b>	2,000/day (11/1)* 18,000/day (11/1)	
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> General Category	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 5 fish/day (5/28)* (closed Fri. & Sat.)	5 fish/day (closed Fri. & Sat.) CLOSED (7/3)	5 fish/day (closed Fri. & Sat.) CLOSED (7/3) 5 fish/day (7/10) CLOSED (7/16)	CLOSED	CLOSED 5 fish/day (9/10)* (closed Fri. & Sat.) CLOSED (9/19) 5 fish/day (10/1) (closed Fri. & Sat.)	5 fish/day (closed Fri. & Sat.) <b>CLOSED (10/12)</b>		
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> Floating Fish Traps	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	Unlimited (4/1)*	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited CLOSED (10/12) <b>1,000/licensee/day (10/17)</b>		
<b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b>												
Without a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate	200/day (1/1)*	200/day	200/day	200/day	50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly)	50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun)	50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun)	50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) CLOSED (8/17)	CLOSED 100/day (9/16)* 50/day (9/16)	<b>50/day</b>		
With a RI Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate	200/day (1/1)*	200/day	200/day	200/day	50/day (5/1)* (closed Fri., Sat., Sun weekly)	50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun)	50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun)	50/day (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) CLOSED (8/17)	CLOSED 100/day (9/16)* 50/day (9/16)	<b>50/day</b>		
Weekly (aggregate) limit (permitted vessels only)	CLOSED	CLOSED 1,300/bi-wk (2/5)**	1,300/bi-wk	1,300/bi-wk	CLOSED (5/1)*	200/wk (6/1)** (closed Fri., Sat., Sun)	200/wk (closed Fri., Sat., Sun) CLOSED (7/30)	CLOSED	CLOSED (9/16)*	<b>CLOSED</b>		
<b>TAUTOG</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 10 fish (4/15)*	10 fish CLOSED (5/19)	CLOSED (6/1)*	CLOSED	10 fish (8/1)* CLOSED (8/31)	CLOSED (9/16)*	CLOSED <b>10 fish (10/15)*</b>		

\* Indicates start of a sub-period

\*\* Weekly possession limit only for vessels with a Summer Flounder Aggregate Landing Program Permit.

For species not identified in this chart, go to the Marine Fisheries webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/marine-fisheries/mfsizes.php>

For all finfish regulations, go to <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/rimf3.pdf>

\*\*\* Designated Fall season area for menhaden will NOT OPEN on Sept. 1 due to lack of quota available and closure of the 2017 Episodic Event Set Aside Program